

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSSB 169(RLS)
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Identifier: SB169CS(RLS)-DHSS-BHA-3-23-18  
Title: MEDICAID: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: Senate RLS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Behavioral Health  
Allocation: Behavioral Health Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2665

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? no  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

CS SB 169 (RLS) version "U" defines who can provide supervision for behavioral health clinic services; allows supervision to be provided in person or by communication device; and, adds a list of purposes for supervision. While it does not change the dollar amount of this fiscal note, it does require a revised analysis of the bill's impacts.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

CS SB169(RLS), version "U" amends AS 47.07.030 *Medical services to be provided* by adding a new subsection (h) stating for purposes of medical assistance coverage, the Department of Health and Social Services may require behavioral health clinic services be provided by or under the direct supervision of a physician licensed under AS 08.64.

The bill would allow the supervision to be provided either in person or by a communication device. Adding supervision by a communication device provides viable alternatives to on-site supervision.

The bill enumerates purposes of the supervision to include

- (1) provision of clinical consultation or oversight to the supervisee;
- (2) approval of behavioral health treatment plans;
- (3) review of each case to determine the need for continued care;
- (4) assurance that the services provided to recipients of behavioral health clinic services are medically necessary and clinically appropriate; and
- (5) assumption of professional responsibility for the services provided.

There are no costs associated with this bill for the Division of Behavioral Health.